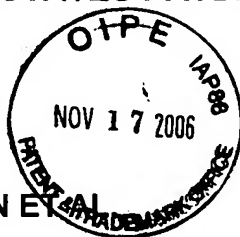


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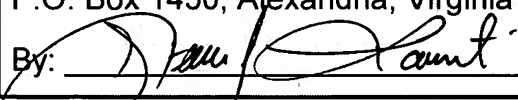
**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated 17 August 2006, which provides for a response period ending 17 November 2006. A Response After Final was filed on 26 September 2006. An Advisory Action was mailed on 13 October 2006. This Amendment is being filed prior to the ending of the response period 17 November 2006 of the Final Office Action mailed on 17 August 2006. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is submitted herewith. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks prior to examining the subject Application.

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